



Groundwater Protection and Water Wells Discussion Series

Why we are having the meeting

This meeting is to provide information and raise awareness about water wells, the importance of groundwater protection, and related public health and safety issues, as well as define and clarify possible outstanding issues relating to water wells.

- We would like to let you know what we (State of Alaska: Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD) believe are the issues that need to be addressed.
- We would like to find out if stakeholders believe there are issues that need to be addressed, and to see if stakeholders agree or can validate the issues or concerns for the state.
- Come to an understanding on how best to proceed.

AGENDA

Introductions

Meeting ground rules

- DEC/DNR/DOL will introduce their issues.
- Identify stakeholders –Probable stakeholders include, but are not limited to:
 - PWS owners and operators;
 - Private well owners;
 - Real Estate and Financial institutions;
 - Local Governments -
 - Cities, Villages, Boroughs;
 - Engineering Consultants; and
 - Well Drillers.
- Break into groups for discussion – identifying stakeholder issues.
- Open floor discussion - sharing stakeholder issues.
- Open discussion on merits of all issues discussed (which are relevant – why or why not at this time, and prioritize as short term or long term goals).

Expectations of the meeting - (What do we want to accomplish – and why?)

- Identify the issues for all participating stakeholders.
- The outcome would be to compile a list of validated (relevant) issues that stakeholders agree need to be addressed.
- Agree on a direction or course of action - How should we proceed? (i.e. have stakeholder meetings or teleconferences to continue the dialogue on validated issues and work on possible solutions).

Wrap-up and Action Items